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Now, **read Psalm 51.** How would you describe David's emotional state here?

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What does David say about God's relationship to people broken by shame?

Now read **2 Samuel 12:14-23.** How would you describe David's emotions?

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Many Psalms display a similar emotional journey beginning with a broken spirit and ending with worship. **Consider Psalm 13** for one example. Why was worship such an important part of David's journey through brokenness?

Whether broken by his own shame or broken by the pain of circumstances beyond his control, David responds to both by drawing close to God and worshiping him. More than that, he writes songs to tell other people that it will work for them too. His claim is that worshiping God has the power to bring healing to a broken heart. Is that true? Why do you think that?

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